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GOSSIP.

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Burlington Co., N. J., Jan. 30, 1897.

Dear Sisters:—I think Park's Flower Seed Collection for 1897 is the cheapest ever known, and such beautiful flowers! They remind me of my last summer's ten cent collection—Petunias, Poppies and Comet Asters in last of August and September. A friend who saw the Asters said, "Aren't you rushing the season with your Chrysanthemums?" Oh! but the Asters were the loveliest flowers I ever saw, and so pretty for bouquets? But they don't come in with *Nicotiana* for fragrance. It seems I can almost smell the delicious scent of the *Nicotianas* when I see their representation. The Pansies I intend to plant as soon as they come. Truly they are God's smiles—reminders of His love.

Mrs. B. E. Green.

Johnson Co., Kans., Jan. 28, 1897.

Mr. Park:—I feel grateful to you for the many valuable hints upon flower culture given us in your Floral Magazine. No one should be without it who would make a success of raising flowers. I have learned from it in a short time what would have required years of experimenting.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are having most charming weather for the holidays. New Years' Day was a perfect day as is also to-day—warm, sunny skies, not a cloud to be seen. I picked a handful of fresh, ripe Raspberries on New Years' Day. The bushes are full of blossoms and green fruit; the grass is green, and the Acacia trees are coming into bloom, with their fluffy, yellow balls, so fragrant—the trees are a mass of yellow. I have Violets, Narcissus, Roses, Carnations, Heliotropes, Fuchsias, Calla Lilies, Chrysanthemums, Fancies, Geraniums and other things in bloom in the garden. I can pick a bouquet of Roses every day in the year. Next month the fruit trees will be in bloom. This month is like May in the eastern states. Pasadena had a flower carnival New Years' Day. Carriages covered with Roses, Carnations, Geraniums and Ferns, and gentlemen and ladies in white duck suits, carrying white lace parasols. Oakland might do the same.

Mrs. M. G. Walker.

Alameda Co., Cal., Jan. 8, 1897.

Winter Work—The spring catalogues are coming thick and fast, reminding all how soon winter will be past and gardening begun. It is none too soon to plan for our gardens, and even what plants are to be started for next winter's blooming. There are so many novelties for the coming season that each would like to try, but even with the fullest purse, there must be a limit to the expenditures, and so from past experience, I think the following plan a good one, and also a pleasant way to spend a stormy winter evening. First, I make out a list of all the plants, bulbs and seeds I would like to have. Then I determine how much can be spent, and begin to cut down the list. There will be some you probably have not facilities for growing, and others you can put off for another season. By the time the list is gone over four or five times, the indispensables will be within the limit you have set for yourself, and you will have the satisfaction of going to work in the spring, knowing exactly what you want, and with all your plans well laid.

B. F. M.

Errie Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—Here am I, a florist of the Lone Star State, and though I have loved flowers since a little child, and helped my dear father in his little greenhouse among the wild hills in Cumberland, England, still it is to Park's Floral Magazine I am indebted for arousing my past and present interest in floriculture.

Frances Bright.

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QUESTIONS.

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Aloe variegata.—Will some one give habits and requirements of Aloe variegata? I have one in bloom.—Mrs. W., Iowa.

What will cure a brown rust on Begonias? It comes on leaf and stalk, and causes the leaves to fall. Mrs. T., Jan. 15, 1897.

Name wanted.—Can any one tell me the Catalogue name, (if it has any,) of a plant with smooth, light-green leaves and a vivid scarlet blossom? We used to call it "none-so-pretty," and "London pride." I would like to get it again. It is a perennial, but I don't remember in what month it blossomed. L., Conn.

Camellia.—How shall I care for the Camellia in Kansas? Is it a tree or shrub, hardy or tender? How old must it be to bloom?—Mrs. M., Kans.

Mr. Park:—I have been getting your Magazine throughout the past year, and appreciate it. It has given me many helpful hints, and I enjoy its coming. Mrs. J. Y. Eaton

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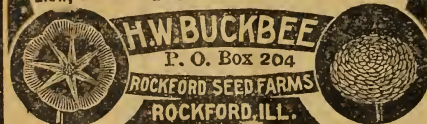


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Begonias Dropping their Leaves.—When Begonias become chilled they lose their vitality, and for some time afterwards will drop their leaves. Often death will result. The same is true of plants where the drainage is imperfect, and the fibrous roots decay. Avoid extremes of temperature, and see that the soil is well drained.

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Mrs. S.

Hampshire Co., Mass., Jan. 24, 1897.

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M. L. M.

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A Strange Botanical product with peculiar effects upon certain Diseases of the Kidneys, Rheumatism, etc.—Free to our Readers.

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We are glad to give the record of the following most remarkable cures by this new discovery. The noted Evangelist, Professor Edward S. Fogg, the associate of Talmage, Jones and Moody, so well known for his work in conducting revival and religious meetings over the United States, in the following lines tells the story of his recovery from serious Bladder and Kidney disease, through the wonderful curative power of Alkavis. He writes from Covington, Ky., Jan. 7, 1897. He says:

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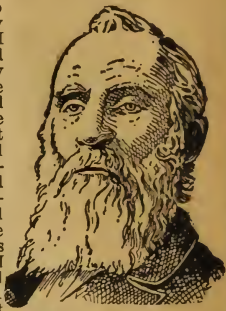
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that Alkavis cured her of most severe Kidney and Bladder disease of eight years standing, after three doctors had failed. Mrs. James Young, of Kent, Ohio, writes that she had tried six doctors in vain, that she was about to give up in despair, when she found Alkavis, and was promptly cured of Kidney disease, and restored to health. Mrs. Alice Evans, of

Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Mary A. Layman, of Neel, West Va., twenty years a sufferer; Mrs. Sarah Vunk, Edinboro, Pa.; Mrs. L. E. Copeland, Elk River, Minn.; and many other ladies join in testifying to the wonderful curative powers of Alkavis, in Kidney and allied diseases, and other troublesome afflictions peculiar to womanhood.

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Mr. Jos. W. Whitten, Wolfboro, New Hampshire.

Rev. Albert R. Richardson, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Hoboken, New Jersey, writes of the recovery of his daughter from an apparently incurable case of Bright's Disease through Alkavis. Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., Editor of the *Religious World*, writes of his own cure of Rheumatic and Kidney disorders through Alkavis. Rev. John H. Watson, of Sunset, Texas, a minister of the gospel of thirty years' service, was struck down at the post of duty by Kidney disease. After hovering between life and death for two months, and all his doctors having failed, he took Alkavis, and was completely restored to health and strength, and is fulfilling his duties as minister of the gospel.

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THE VICTORIA FORGET-ME-NOT.

MYOSOTIS ALPESTRIS is a lovely little Forget-me-not found native upon the mountains of Europe, and has long been celebrated for its modest beauty. The flowers are borne in scorpoid clusters, and are, in the typical species, sky-blue with distinct yellow eye. A few years ago the florists began to give this little flower special attention, and their labor has been well rewarded in the larger, various colored flowers, larger bloom clusters, greater vigor and more compact and floriferous habit. The little engraving herewith given does not do the plant jus-

ANTICIPATION AND REALIZATION.

LATE in January we planted the bulbs, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Daffodils, etc. We used grape baskets mostly, putting thick layers of gravel in the bottom, then good garden soil. We set them in a dark closet under which ran three furnace pipes which were always warm, and the earth was kept pretty well watered. In six weeks they were ready to bloom, with stem and leaves and buds white. I brought them into a dimly lighted room one day, and the next into a flood of sunshine. In twenty-six hours the leaves were green, and the blooms were white and cream, pink and rose, blue and lavender and yellow—that is, the Hyacinths were. The Paper-white Narcissus were ethereal in their beauty, and there were so many varieties of the Daffodils that were gorgeous in their golden splendor. Then came their kin, queer little Hoop Petticoats, and others almost like a yellow Jessamine, except for the almost invisible short cup in



THE VICTORIA FORGET-ME-NOT.

tice. It is known in catalogues as *Myosotis alpestris robusta* Victoria. A mass of the plants becomes an exquisite sheet of blue, rose or white, according to the variety cultivated, and the effect is indeed charming. Plants are easily grown from seeds, which may be sown either in the spring or fall. Sown in early spring, the plants begin to bloom in autumn, and remain in full bloom for some weeks. Started in September seedling plants endure the winter and bloom freely the following spring and early summer. Give it a cool, north slope and partial shade.

Cosmos.—I find that *Cosmos* standing out where the sun, wind and rain can strike them fairly do the best. Mrs. F. D. W. Polk Co., N. C., Jan. 19, 1897.

the center, and with all a Jessamine's fragrance. Some of the bulbs are doing so well it seems they will surely bloom again. This year I have grown Hyacinths in water. They are blooming very sweetly now. One of my neighbors planted Daffodils in the same glass bowl with her Chinese Sacred Lily with excellent success. I have tried growing bulbs in crocks and boxes, but like baskets better; they are so easily handled, and the bloom can be better displayed. Georgie D. Runyan.

Clark Co., O., Feb. 10, 1897.

Propagation of Matrimony Vine.—This vine is much like the common Matrimony Vine, and is easily propagated in the same way—from both cuttings and seeds.

TWO GOOD BEDS.

MY flower yard is simply an oblong piece of ground in a sunny situation, surrounded by a picket fence to keep out marauders.

About one foot around the sides is devoted to climbers, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, Honeysuckles and Morning Glories, and the fence is hidden with their vines and flowers. The rest of the ground is divided into long beds. Two of the beds that give me great satisfaction are the ones on either side of the middle path, each five feet wide and sixteen feet long. These are bordered in front with Pansies, and on the back with Pinks, Zephyranthus, Ageratums, Mad. Salerol Geraniums and summer Oxalis. Near each corner is a large cluster of white or yellow Narcissus. The center of the beds is filled with Tulips set in rows six inches apart. As soon as the snow melts in the spring the bulbs are seen pushing above the ground. Then a coating of stable manure is given the beds. With a garden trowel I carefully dig this into the soil between the rows, and my work is done for these beds, except an occasional weeding. Through May and into June the Tulips are gorgeous with endless forms and colors. As they begin to fade the beds are covered thickly with self-sown Poppies of all colors and varieties, from the large double fringed red ones to tiny little white ones no larger than a penny. These attract a great deal of admiration, and furnish endless bouquets for the house, church and friends. As these exhaust themselves, I pull them up, leaving some of the best for seed, and by the time they are gone, the beds are again bright with Verbenas, also self-sown, and lasting until spoiled by severe frosts. For one whose room for flowers is limited I think this is an economical way to utilize space.

Esther.

Cummington, Mass, Jan. 24, 1887.

[NOTE.—Crocuses, Narcissus, Tulips and Verbenas can be successfully grown in the same bed, and will yield flowers from early spring till long after the first autumn frosts. The Crocus flowers are followed by the Narcissus, and as these fade the Tulips come into bloom. The Verbenas can be raised from early-sown seeds in a window-box or hot-bed, and set out as soon as the Tulips fade. I especially recommend the new compact Verbenas, which have large, handsome flowers in all the colors, while the plants are more dwarf, compact and floriferous. They make a brilliant display in a bed.—Ed.]

Vinca Major Variegata.—This is one of the most useful drooping plants for baskets and vases, the bright green leaves being distinctly marked with creamy white. It will do well in almost any soil and situation, and in this latitude is quite hardy if planted in a sheltered place.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Queens Co., N. Y.

Aloes and Gasterias.—I have five plants of these and I like them much better than Cactuses, for they are without thorns. I have had mine for three years. Although they have not bloomed they are worth cultivating because of their odd and ornamental appearance.

Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Jan. 13, 1887.

IPOMEEAS.

IN the January MAGAZINE Jessie Lynch describes four very fine Ipomoeas. There are two more that should be added to the quartet. Both are natives of Florida, and it would be hard to say which is the finer vine. I. Michauxii, called "Blushing Beauty" is a choice companion for the white Moonflower. The vine flowers abundantly, the blossoms opening about sunset. They are the same form as the white Moonflower, and nearly as large. The flowers are a lovely, delicate shade of pink, deepening to a dark reddish-purple in the throat. Its leaves are different from most varieties, being curiously fluted, and some are pear-shaped and others are lobed. The seeds are furnished with a thick covering of silky, smoke-colored down, so they may be easily carried by the winds, one of

Nature's devices to insure a continuance of the species. The roots are tuberous, and north can be wintered in earth in the cellar.



I. sinuata is a lovely foliage vine, growing to the height of fifty feet. It also grows rapidly, and soon covers a large space. It is very

hard to give a description that will convey a right idea of the beauty of its delicately lobed and incised leaves. When the weather grows colder the leaves take on a purple hue, while the new growth is reddish. The vine is a day bloomer; the morning-glory-like flowers are pure white with a pink throat. They open in the morning, and though the sun may shine fiercely on them, they keep bright all day. The seed-pods are quite as attractive as the flowers. They are cone-shaped, an inch across at the base, pale, shining green. Later on the calyx uncloses, forming a five-pointed star; in the center is a smooth, brown capsule containing the large, black seeds. The vine lives through the winter unless the weather is unusually cold, but starts again from the strong perennial roots.

Mrs. M. E. Satchwell.

Duval Co., Fla., Jan. 27, 1887.

[NOTE.—In this connection let me ask your attention to the new Imperial Japanese Morning Glories. They are annuals of surpassing beauty, bearing very large flowers in colors and variegations entirely new and distinct. Whatever new annuals you may decide to try this season do not omit a packet of seeds of these glorious vines. They are simply unapproachable.—Ed.]

Cestrum nocturnum.—I have a plant of this night-blooming Jasmine which is five feet high and loaded with buds. I notice advice to winter it in a cellar, but mine blooms profusely at that season as well as at intervals throughout the summer. It is a very satisfactory plant.

Mrs. I. W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del. Dec. 4, 1886.

CARNATION CULTURE.

SEEDS of Carnations may be sown in early spring in boxes or pots of good garden soil. They germinate in from five to seven days. When large enough, and all danger of frost is past, transplant out of doors. When possible, make the bed on the north side of a picket fence, where the plants will be somewhat protected from the hot sun. These plants like a good, rich loam, enriched with well-rotted manure from the cow-stable. Be sure that the drainage is good. Do not set the plants closer than fifteen inches in the row, and have the rows far enough apart to hoe well. Keep them pinched back until late in July to make them bushy and compact. If this is properly done, each plant will have a dozen or more good branches starting from the crown, each of which will produce blossoms during the winter. If wanted for winter blooming, they should be carefully taken up and potted from the middle to the last of September, in soil prepared as for the bed. Keep them in some cool, shady place, such as on the north side of the house, until they have fully recovered from the effects of the change; then bring into the house, giving them a cool room if possible. They need plenty of sunshine and as much fresh air as you can give them. As a preventative of the Aphid, which troubles these plants a great deal, give them a weekly shower of weak tobacco tea. In potting place a few bits of broken crockery in the bottom of the pots, cover with moss, then fill with soil. Without perfect drainage it is impossible to succeed with Carnations. As soon as the buds show, give liquid manure once a week. Keep the stalks up and keep all faded blossoms picked off. Jessie Lynch.

Tillamook Co., Org., Feb. 2, 1897.

[NOTE.—The above brief article upon Carnation culture will bear a second reading. If the directions it gives are faithfully carried out the results will certainly be satisfactory.—Ed.]

Cosmos in Texas.—What a lot was said about Cosmos in the January MAGAZINE. I had seedlings all budded out in the garden in December, and had a lot of them potted. Plenty of them are now in bloom, but the flowers are rather small and the plants look too tall for their age, or as if they did not get enough to eat and drink. I had plants over six feet high from seed planted in the open ground in April. No one could have desired finer looking bushes, and they commenced blooming the last week in August, and bloomed until November, a time when flowers are apt to be scarce after our long, hot, dry summers.

Francis Bright.

Bexar Co., Tex., Jan. 23, 1897.

Wax Plant.—This, with its bluish-tinted green leaves and very pretty flowers is much admired just now. Another Wax Plant that has just ceased blooming, had quite a bunch of stars that lasted several weeks. It had rounded, fleshy leaves and looks as if there might be a row of stitching near the edge.

Mrs. I. P. H.

Wayne Co., Ind., Jan. 5, 1897.

SOME BEGONIAS.

A NUMBER of the Band have told of their Begonias, so I will briefly describe some that have rarely if ever been mentioned.

Begonia verschaffeltii is a magnificent ornamental-leaved variety. The very large, glossy leaves are borne on long foot-stalks. It blooms in winter, and with every leaf that unfolds there comes a cluster of buds. The flowers are pink, and are carried high above the foliage.

In striking contrast to *Verschaffeltii* is *B. foliosa*. It might be well called the baby of the family, being such a little, dainty plant. The shining green leaves are scarce half an inch long. It is of a drooping habit, and so makes a charming basket plant. The flowers are white.

Another great favorite of mine is *B. odorata alba*. The foliage is a dark, smooth green. The white flowers are borne in large panicles, and as the name indicates, are fragrant—a sweet, delicate fragrance, yet perceptible several feet away. There is an *Odorata rosea* that bears immense panicles of deep rose-colored flowers, and is said to be very fine, but I have never seen it.

B. lobata is another Begonia not often seen. The leaves differ in form from most others, being deeply lobed. In color they are light green, smooth and marked with silvery dots. The flowers are white.

Begonia phylomoniasa is the odd one of this large family, adorning itself in a very peculiar manner. It is a nice looking plant, with long, smooth leaves, which have a line of red along the finely serrated edges. Its peculiarity is in producing little plants upon the leaves and on the leaf-stalks. Mine has not bloomed, and I do not know the color of the flowers.

What a confusion that name "Angel's Wings" causes in naming Begonias. In a back number of the MAGAZINE, one lady tells of a white flowered winter-bloomer, called "Angel's Wings." Bruntii is also called that, so is *Zebrina*; and *Argyrostigma picta* lays claim to it; so it seems best to try and remember the correct name of each Begonia. Mrs. M. E. Satchwell.

Duval Co., Fla., Jan. 25, 1897.

[NOTE.—One of the most peculiar of the newer Begonias is *Madame Lionet*, which has bronzy, blood-red foliage. Perhaps the most graceful of the Begonias of the Rex type is *B. rubella*. It has ricinus-like, mottled leaves borne upon radical stems, and a large plant is exceedingly handsome in a pot or vase. Both these Begonias are of easy culture.—Ed.]

Two Good Begonias.—In my east window are two Begonias that have been constantly in bloom since early autumn. They are *Rubra* and *Coral*. The *Coral* alone is a pretty plant, with leaves like *Rubra*, aside from its pink flowers.

Mrs. I. P. H.

Wayne Co., Ind., Jan. 5, 1897.

Sandpapering Canna Seeds.—Try sandpaper on Canna seeds instead of a file. Be careful not to take off too much or you will injure the seeds.

Mrs. B. E. M.

Johnson Co., Kans., Jan. 19, 1897.

COLEUS PLANTS FROM SEEDS.

SUCCESS WITH FUCHSIAS.

IT is not generally known that Coleus plants may be as easily raised from seeds as from cuttings. Only a few days are required for their germination, and a very large percentage of the seeds will vegetate and grow into fine, healthy plants. The large-leaved varieties of Coleus are rather more successfully propagated from seeds than from cuttings, as the seedlings are more vigorous, and the leaves larger and brighter than when raised from cuttings.

Coleus seeds are of about the size and appearance of those of *Amaranthus* or *Cockscomb*, and should be sown in a window-box or hot bed rather early. Sow in rows, in rather porous soil, and cover about a sixteenth of an inch deep. Give air and light when the young plants appear, to prevent them from damping off, and transplant into another box or into small pots before the plants become crowded or slender. At all times avoid sudden changes of temperature and extremes of heat or cold. Once chilled they are very slow to recover, and some will dwindle and die. Keep well watered, shift into larger pots to prevent crowding of the roots and promote drainage, encourage a moist atmosphere, and shield from the hot mid-day sun on bright days.

The large-leaved Coleus plants are more delicate than those of the common varieties, but when well marked, the foliage is grand, and a well-grown plant is as attractive in the window as anything that can be grown, while its culture is simple and easy. The engraving represents a terminal branch of a Coleus of this section.

The varieties of smaller-leaved, fancy Coleus appear in many new shades, and with odd and beautiful markings, so that a packet of the seeds proves exceedingly interesting and satisfactory, each little plant varying in some particular from those about it. Plants of this section are more hardy than those of the larger-leaved section, and the plants may be used for bedding out as soon as danger from frost is past.

The ease with which plants of Coleus may be raised from seeds should recommend this method of propagation to all who are fond of variety in the plants they cultivate. The seeds are much cheaper the present season than heretofore.

FUCHSIA slips, to do well, should be started in spring, rooted in a mixture of leaf-mould and sand, and when all danger of frost is past bedded out in some spot shaded from the hottest sun, as the east side of the house. Early in the autumn lift and pot them in good rich soil, composed of equal parts of leaf-mould, good garden soil and well-rotted manure, with a little sand. If the leaf-mould is not available, use more sand, to insure good drainage.

Some varieties will bloom the first season, but I usually put them in the cellar, and keep the roots moist till the *Chrysanthemums*, etc., make room in the window garden, then bring them gradually to the light. If you have a room cooler than the ordinary living-room they will do better than if kept too warm, and only bring them to the sitting-room when they begin to bloom. The two things that I have

found most difficult in the culture of Fuchsias is to keep the soil moist, as they take a great deal of water, and if dried out once, it gives them a check from which they will hardly recover. It is usually this which causes the leaves to turn brown and fall. On the contrary the soil must not be soggy. I give tin cans, painted and with holes in the bottom, the preference, as holding moisture better. The other difficulty is to prune them into graceful shapes, and still have blossoms. The only way I have found is to make

little frames of wire or wood, to put in the pots as a support to the branches, which are very brittle. If treated in this way, the plant increases in value for several years, and after the first year will bloom all summer in a sheltered position. If lifted carefully they will continue blooming, sometimes all winter, but when the bloom ceases, it is better to rest them, and the spring bloom will be all the finer. In summer, if bedded out, they should not be watered with a hose, as it spoils the buds and blossoms. They can be summered in the house successfully if properly watered, but will not be so thrifty, and are more trouble. I have seen a lovely window-box of them grown on the north side.

Steele Co., Minn.

Mrs. N. A. N.

Don't overlook the Grand Premium of Tuberous Begonias, Gloxinias, etc., if you wish fine flowers the coming season.



NEW LARGE-LEAVED FANCY COLEUS.

TUBEROSES.

BY the time this gets into print it will be quite time for us to be setting out our Tuberose bulbs if we expect to have them blossom in our short northern summers, although I had some fine spikes of bloom in November and December of last year from bulbs started in July. But the safest plan is to set them in either April or early May, and I have better success by keeping them in pots than by shifting to the open ground. The natural home of the Tuberose is in the sunny south, and it needs a very rich soil and a great deal of heat and water while growing.

I have seen numerous complaints in floral magazines from people who had been disappointed by Tuberoses, and I have had persons inquire of me why my Tuberoses bloomed and theirs did not. I usually discovered that theirs had either been set in a shady place and kept very wet, or in a sunny place and left to dry up. Now, either of these treatments will not answer. In the first place, buy good, sound bulbs in the spring. Tuberose bulbs are cheap enough, so one can afford to buy good ones. Set them in six-inch or four-inch pots, and soil composed of leaf-mould, garden soil and sand, and fine, dry cow manure, one-fourth of each; water thoroughly and set in a sunny window. When the weather gets warm enough set the pots out of doors in the sunniest place you can find, and remember to water every day unless it rains, or is damp enough so the pots do not dry out. When the bud spike begins to show, either water with liquid manure, or stir a teaspoonful of phosphate into the soil once a week. After blooming throw the bulb away, as they bloom but once.

Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Conn., Jan. 31, 1897.

[NOTE.—The Tuberose bulb has a delicate germ, and a little moisture in winter will destroy it. This defect is indicated by a cavity at the top or by a black spot at the centre when the bulb is cut lengthwise. In buying, examine the bulbs carefully, and get those that are sound at the heart. In wintering avoid the defect by stowing where they will be warm and dry.—Ed.]

Helianthus multiflorus plenus.

—This plant is sometimes called the Dahlia Sunflower, and it really looks more like a Dahlia when in bloom than it does like a Sunflower. It is hardy, excepting in very cold climates, where it requires protection. Give good rich soil and a sunny situation, and it will be covered from the ground to the top with great double yellow blossoms from three to four inches in diameter.

This is a good plant to place among shrubbery or in mixed borders. Flowers are fine for cutting, as they keep perfectly for days.

Jessie Lynch.

Tillamook Co., Ore., Jan. 6, 1897.

Tradescantia or Joint Plant.

—I will tell the floral sisters what will delight the little ones. Take a large, wide-mouthed bottle, fill with water, then put in long cuttings of the three varieties of Tradescantia or Joint Plant. They will root and grow in the water.

Geauga Co., O.

Ima.

MY FLOWER PIT.

I HAVE kept my flowers through the winter at very little cost, and what a pleasure they have been to me! I have a pit ten feet long, four feet wide, and four feet in the ground. After it is walled up, another foot is added and the dirt thrown up to it. When digging it out the dirt is thrown back and made about two feet higher, making it about six feet at the back, and this gives a good slant to the front. It is walled with hewn logs that my boys cut from the timber. They are put together like a log cabin. The pit faces the south, has two doors on the west side, one upright door that opens into the pit, and one slanting outside door, with steps that go down to the lower door. I had the sash, so that the pit cost me nothing, but I suppose sash would cost more than anything else; still it would not be expensive. The sash must be fitted very close. Mine is in three sections, with upper and lower sash. A drain is in one corner. My son, a lad of sixteen years, did most of the work. I hired a man to fit in the logs, which he did in one day, and the cost was only one dollar. We had odds and ends of plank that made the doors and frame work. Any one can build a pit like mine at very little cost. Two-inch plank will do to wall it with, if you do not have the logs. I did not lose any of my flowers last winter but two Heliotropes, and it was most too damp for them. It was an unusually mild winter, so I did not think that a good test, but this winter the thermometer has stood from 2° to 4° below zero for a week, and I did not lose a flower. I throw old carpets over the tops of the sash and outside door at night. I have found it so much trouble to keep flowers in the house, and after all my care and trouble would lose them all in a single night. I like my pit best of all, and when I put my flowers into winter quarters they are no more trouble. They require very little water, and are not troubled with red spider. It is fine for Roses and Fuchsias.

Last March it was a pleasure to go into my pit—Roses, Pansies, Geraniums, Hyacinths and Violets all in bloom, and so fragrant!

Last fall my Chrysanthemums were in bloom until after Christmas. You would be surprised to see how many flowers can be stowed away. I can go into my pit at any time, but I never open it in very cold, freezing weather. I have an Easter Lily bought of Mr. Park last fall, and I expect to see it in bloom at Easter, this year.

Now, while I sit at my window and look out on the snow-covered ground, I rest content, for I know my flowers tucked so snugly away under their blankets of snow will come out all right.

M. T. G.

Jackson Co., Mo., Feb. 4, 1897.

[NOTE.—Some of the FLORAL sisters who have a heating furnace in the cellar, report that they have a pit or flower-room excavated to the depth of the cellar at the south side, covered with sash sloping southward, and entered by a door from the cellar. In this room, even at the north, an even temperature is retained, and an abundance of bloom is obtained throughout the winter months.—Ed.]

A MARCH DANDELION.

Such a wise Dandelion!
Think the winter's fled,
As it dares the raging winds
Overhead.

Such a foolish Dandelion!
Does not seem to know
That south winds change to north winds,
And bring snow.

Poor little Dandelion!
How launch its galleon
Of seeds, with snow and ice
Coming on!

Pert, saucy Dandelion!
Still it laughs at me,
And the south wind, bearing such
Prophecy.

Bath, N. Y.

E. M. S.

AGERATUM, POPPIES AND ZINNIAS.

I WISH all the sisters of PARK'S FLORAL knew how lovely were the above named flowers. I am sure they would all plant the seeds, as they are so easily raised from seeds and grow rapidly into large plants, and blossom early, continuing in bloom until frost comes.

A large bunch of the blue *Ageratum* with its fluffy balls, so soft looking and pretty in its coloring of sky-blue, is the first plant I want to see when I go into my garden.

Then come the Shirley Poppies, sometimes called Silk Poppies. They are of all colors and brilliant in the extreme. They are harbingers of morn, coming into bloom in the early morning. Every night I would pick them all for a bouquet for the house, and the next morning there would be a fresh supply. As long as I cultivate flowers I shall have Shirley Poppies.

Last, but by no means least, come Zinnias. The new strains of seeds that are now offered of this once old-fashioned flower, are fine. The flowers are large and double, of deep, intense, glowing colors. The tall kinds grow three feet high. It is said they make fine hedges because of their symmetrical shape. Plant fifteen inches apart.

Sow Poppies and Zinnias in the open ground where they are to flower. But it is better to start *Ageratums* in the house in March or April. Reader, you make no mistake to try *Ageratums*, Shirley Poppies and Zinnias.

Mrs. W. J. H.

Otsego Co., N. Y., Feb. 18, 1897.

Trillium.—The early wild flowers none are prettier than white *Trillium*, or Wake Robin. It not only blooms with the earliest flowers, but also lasts long after many of its woodland companions have faded. The tuberous-like root is perfectly hardy, each tube producing a single stem surmounted by a whorl of three green leaves and a single white lily-like flower. In this vicinity they are called "White Wood Lilies." The roots bear transplanting well, and increase rapidly, producing a real treasure in any garden, and blooming each year, whether in sunshine or shade. There is a species with a flower almost wine-colored.

B. F. M.

Erie Co., Pa., Jan, 1897.

PANSIES IN THE SOUTH.

THE MAGAZINE has contained accounts of ineffectual attempts to grow Pansies in the south. My experience of last year may contain a useful hint. Our house stands corner-wise, south sides of the house face towards the northeast and northwest, etc. I had a properly prepared bed made across the northeast side of the house. About the first of last March I planted several packages of Pansy seeds in this bed. Some of them did not come up, but all that did come up, did well, and I had Pansies all summer long. I reason in this way: As soon as the sun is up in the morning they get the light and warmth, which is good for them. About ten o'clock, when it begins to get hot, the sun gets around into the south, and leaves the Pansies all in the shade. They are benefitted by the light and warmth, and do not get too much of it. I mean sometime to plant some on the northeast side of the house, and see how that will work. I think perhaps Violets would do well on the northwest side.

Mrs. F. D. Winter.

Polk Co., N. C., Jan. 19, 1897.

Crimums.—I have three varieties of *Crinum*. They are easily grown, requiring very little care. *C. Kirkii* has white flowers with a reddish purple stripe through the petals. *C. fimbriatum* has flowers striped with carmine and white. *C. capense rosea* is hardy here with slight protection; it has white flowers flushed with pink. *Crimums* should be set with the neck out of the soil. Rest them in winter by withholding water until the soil becomes almost dry. They can be set in the open ground during summer and taken up and kept dry over winter.

W. C. M.

Martin Co., Ky., Jan. 1, 1897.

Chinese Primrose.—Each year I usually experiment with at least one variety of flower I am not familiar with; and last year, with this object in view, I bought a package of Primrose seeds, and as a result, my north windows are filled with beautiful Primroses. Such a quantity and variety of bloom. Such a bountiful reward for so little labor! I wonder how we ever did without them in the past.

Will some one give their experience with the double *Primulas*? Are they as desirable as the single varieties? M. G.

Montcalm Co., Mich.

Freesias.—This winter I have had the pleasure of trying *Freesias* for the first time, and as mine came up to all expectations, and are now in bloom, I can heartily recommend them to any who have not yet tried them. They are so little trouble. Mine were planted in the latter part of October, and set in the direct light, and I have just started another pot of three dozen bulbs for spring blooming. To look their best the bulbs need to be set very closely, and a little care should be taken not to cover them entirely with soil, as they are liable to decay if set deep.

Erie Co., Pa, Jan. 27, 1897.

B. F. M.

BASKET PLANTS.

WHETHER flowering plants are cultivated, the absence of hanging baskets is always noticed. They give an air of refinement to the smallest home. They require considerable care, as in their exposed position they dry out very badly, and one is very apt to neglect them unless they can see the soil is dry.

The Kenilworth Ivy is a neat little trailing plant, with fine Ivy-shaped leaves. It blooms, but the flowers are very insignificant. Probably the most popular of all the basket plants is the *Saxifraga sarmen-tosa*, or bee-steak plant. This is also known as Strawberry Geranium. The leaves are a dark green, striped freely with silvery bands. It sends up long spikes of white Orchid-like blooms, that are beautiful. This plant increases very fast, and one will soon get a good start from a few small plants.

Some of the trailing Fuchsias are used for this purpose, and with their dark foliage and bright flowers are quite ornamental. Both Trailing Queen and Procumbens are pretty. Trailing Queen has rosy-scarlet tube and sepals with violet-purple corolla. The flowers of procumbens are different shades of red, but very small. I pinch my Trailing Queen back severely, to make it branch freely.

The *Maurandia* is a beautiful vine for baskets. The flowers are purple, white and rose, fox-glove shaped, and borne in great abundance. This can be grown from seed or slips.

The much lauded Mexican Primrose is very pretty for baskets. The flowers are a bright, clear pink veined with scarlet. Its drooping habit makes it an admirable basket plant. Some writers say that this is over-praised and does not near come up to the catalogue description. I will admit I was a little disappointed in it, but after trying it found it an excellent plant for this purpose.

There are few blooming plants for this purpose that can equal the Don Calmet Lantana. It is of drooping habit, it's branches trail close to the sides of pot or basket, and it is nearly always in bloom. I have had it in bloom all winter. The flowers are a light purple with yellow center, the leaves being a dark green and very small.

Some of the Ivy-leaved Geraniums are very pretty for hanging baskets. The foliage of some varieties is most too heavy for the basket, and give it a stiff and inartistic effect. One of the daintiest, and most graceful vines for this purpose is the Lace Plant, the long blueish-green vines hanging over the sides, and are as pretty as they can be. Laura Jones.

Barren Co., Ky., Jan. 16, 1897,

Spirea Astilboides.—This is a Japanese species growing about two feet high and blooming during the months of June and July. It has handsomely cut, compound foliage, and showy, branched panicles of pure white flowers. C. E. P.

Queens Co., N. Y.

ABOUT AMARYLLIS.

I KEPT my first *Amaryllis Johnsonii* for four years before I had a flower, but I gave a bulb about as large as my thumb to a friend, and it bloomed at one year old, and every winter thereafter. Another small bulb which was taken off at the same time bloomed at two years old, and is now a whole bucketful of bulbs. I spare mine so often I never get a potful, but mine blooms twice a year. They should not be repotted often, not till the roots are crowded. Unless repotting is very carefully done you are apt to lose a season of bloom. As to the time to rest, whenever new leaves stop coming, withhold water almost entirely till you see a new leaf in the centre, or a bud, then water thoroughly, and give some liquid manure pretty often. A good preparation for this is made by taking a small portion of hen manure, add as much wood ashes, pour boiling water over, then cool till it looks like pretty strong tea. This is good for nearly all house plants.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa.

Anticipation and Realization.—

Years ago, in my school days, we had a debate on which gave the most pleasure, anticipation or realization. I have tested both by experience. Last year, when I found a double Sweet Pea I marked it by tying a white string next to the blossom. The pod matured four peas. How nice and plump they were; how I anticipated the pleasure of propagating a new variety of double Sweet Peas. I would soon be rich. Several times during the winter I looked to see if they had got away, but no, they were there. That was the pleasure of anticipation. The realization was when spring came, and very carefully those precious peas were planted. Only one grew, and that was just a common single Sweet Pea. Now I do not think a double Sweet Pea near as delicate or pretty as the single; but, oh, the anticipation of something different! It was a pleasure! Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Dec. 1896.

Crinums.—Crinums are bulbous plants somewhat like the *Amaryllis*, and the treatment should be much the same. They increase very slowly from offsets, so do not need to be repotted often. Use rather large pots, and be sure to provide good drainage. Let the crown of the bulb protrude above the soil, which should be pressed firmly about the sides. In the winter when the bulb is resting, it must be watered sparingly, just enough to keep the soil damp, and watered very freely during the growing season. Aunt Anna.

Lincoln Co., Wash., Jan. 10, 1897.

Lobster Cactus.—I had a fine plant of Lobster Cactus that wilted and dropped its leaves or joints. I set it in the cellar window, in out of the rain, and did not water for a month or more. It came all right and is now doing well.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 27, 1897.

STAR PHLOX.

EYE SORES.

THE dantiest, most exquisite things I ever had in annuals were plants of Star or Cuspidate Phlox. My seedsmen, Park, presented me with a package, when he filled my order for seeds, half a dozen years ago, when they first came out. I had heard that they were much over-rated, and did not nearly come up to the catalogue description; so I may be pardoned if I was'n't as well pleased as tho' his generosity had suggested almost any thing else. I sowed them late, first of May, in a box of very poor, yellow, sandy soil, for all other available boxes, crocks and cans were doing duty for more desirable seeds. They had almost no care, for I really forgot them after the first watering, having so many things on my hands. Thinking of them two weeks later, I started for the west side of the piazza, under which sheltering I had pushed the box. Well, they were up,—oh! yes, and stretching long, yellow necks in all directions to peer about in the darkness. They soon hardened up, and took on a fine green color, after coming to the light; but they

MOST back yards have something, if not several things disagreeable to look at, but easily improved by a little patience, money and time.

Remember it is not alone for beauty we should improve our surroundings, but it is good for the tired housekeeper's nerves and makes the daily routine of work less irksome. Perhaps your window looks out on a miserable old shed, and here are vines that delight in just such a place. A ten cent package of Gourds will fairly race in their efforts to cover any old shanty, and the leaves are often very pretty, and the Gourds grotesque enough to bring a laugh, besides being the delight of the children. Flowering Beans are good also. A rough box fastened to an old wall, or barn window and filled with Nasturtiums will make a beauty spot, and the pretty leaves and flowers will show off more than if planted in the ground. An ugly hoghead stood in a corner, and a woman planted Morning Glories all around, training the vines on strings to the top. The pretty dears blossomed all the way up, and looked at themselves in the water in the barrel, and an artist actually made a sketch of it for his note book. Such a pretty place can be made of even a small triangular bed by the back door.

Plant a Nicotiana, or Tobacco plant. I have them in the sitting room window all winter, and in spring plant them out, and they keep on blooming all summer, and the white, sweet-scented, star-like flowers are very beautiful, and contrast well with scarlet Geraniums placed around. Even under the back steps we may have something to please the eye, instead of allowing it to become a dump place for old bones, and tin cans. Native Ferns will grow there, and rejoice in the cool, shady place. An old cobbler had an eye for the beautiful, and made the most of what he had in his basement shop, on a crowded street, by placing a row of boots on the window sill, filling with earth, and planting Nasturtiums. The cheery blossoms were a bright spot in the dreary surroundings.

However poor the place, do something in the way of plants, and make a brighter outlook for yourself, and all who pass.

Detroit, Mich.

Anna Lyman.

Job's Tears.—Job's Tears, (Coix lachryma) is an odd plant not often seen in our gardens. It really deserves a place, as it is ornamental as well as curious. Being a native of the East Indies it is not hardy in our northern states, but the seeds are frost-proof, and they will self-sow and grow when summer returns. Its habit of growth is bushy, a number of stalks being thrown out from each root, each stalk being furnished towards the latter part of the season with "tears." These tears are bluish-white. Hanging as they do from all points of the stalk, it does not require a great stretch of imagination to see their resemblance to tear-drops, though why they should be ascribed to poor Job, is a question.

Errie Co., Pa., Jan., 1897.

B. F. M.



STAR OR CUSPIDATE PHLOX.

sturdily refused to grow over seven or eight inches high. In four weeks from the time they were brought to the light they began to bud, and such buds! what they lacked in leaves was made up in buds, for they literally hid their stalks and sparse leaves in buds; and when they opened their velvety eyes, oh! but I am at the end of description, for I have never beheld anything to compare with them, before nor since. They resembled the most velvety of the choicest Calceolaria flowers in texture, while the colors were as varied as the Bugnot Pansies. I forgot to say, for want of room in my border I left them in the seed-box, but worked a little of Bowker's Plant Food into the soil when they began to show buds. They were in bloom all summer, and till in October, as I pinched off every seed-pod as soon as the flower began to droop.

Mrs. Jno. Auld.

Sonora, Mex., Jan. 6. 1897.

SOME "INDISPENSABLES."

NOW is the time to order your flower-seeds. The earlier the better as you will thus avoid the spring rush.

First of all, no garden should be without Pansies. Their charming beauty has made them garden favorites. With them we meet with so many surprises daily. The Giant-flowered varieties are grand and beautiful. The Fancy Striped are very fine.

Asters come next. There are so many varieties that it is hard to tell which is the best. My favorite is the White Comet. It is much like a Chrysanthemum. There are, of course, many colors of this variety.

Perfection Asters are favorites with many. They are large, with incurved petals. The plants grow about two feet high.

The Japanese Tassel Aster is quite fine, especially the flesh-pink variety.

A little "Machet" Mignonette will find a welcome in every garden.

An effective way to arrange your Nasturtiums, is to plant a row of climbers about your fence, then a row of Tom Thumb, or bedding about four inches in front of them. When they bloom you will find, as I have said, the effect very pretty. The climbers do not bloom quite as early, but they bloom later, and the flowers are larger.

If you have room for Poppies, have them by all means, but they take up a good deal of room and the flowers are short lived. I forgot to say that Asters must have very rich soil, but Nasturtiums will do best in poor. Pansies must also have rich soil.

The varieties of Sweet Peas are very numerous, and the flowers of all are lovely. They must have rich soil, but it must not touch the plant, only the roots. Put a little sand over the ground before you plant.

Marigolds, Phloxes and Balsams should not be overlooked in making up your list.

If you have room for Ricinus do not fail to have it. It is grand and beautiful. The soil must be very rich, and it must have plenty of water.

Double white Dianthus is very pretty. You cannot have too many white flowers in your garden.

I have only mentioned here the best, and most easily grown, for a home garden.

T. Davis.

Grafton Co., N. H., Feb. 8, 1897.

[NOTE.—The new Dwarf Paeony-flowered Perfection Aster is a superb variety for either pots or beds. The plants are compact in habit and the flowers large and very freely produced. Do not fail to add to your list a package each of white, pink and blue of this new Aster, or at least a package of the mixture. You will consider it one of the "indispensables" after giving it a trial.—Ed.]

Narcissus.—Those who have quantities of the old fashioned double and single Narcissus, can safely lift some of the bulbs about New Years or later. Whenever the ground is thawed, pot carefully, and in a few weeks the lovely, yellow blossoms will brighten many a dark hour. You will think they are prettier than those that bloom later in the ground. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Jan. 6, 1897.

LOBELIA.

DO the flower-loving friends all know how lovely the blue Lobelia is in winter; how it brightens up the conservatory or window? It is equally good for hanging-basket, bracket or shelf. Last year I received a packet of mixed seed in the premium for the FLORAL MAGAZINE, which was sown in the au-



LOBELIA.

tumn, and one pot of it this winter has more than repaid the price of the MAGAZINE. If you once have it, ever afterwards it will be one of the "must have's."

H.

Litchfield Co., Conn., Feb. 13, 1897.

Insect Preventive.—In nearly every number of PARK'S MAGAZINE some one laments the ruin of her flowers by insects, and asks for a remedy. Let me suggest an infallible one. Stop the destruction of the birds. Providence appointed earth's protectors against the insect plague years ago. These feathered friends annually cleared my plants of aphids, but fashion decreed that they should be slaughtered, that brainless women might ornament their hats with their poor little corpses. In my own fair State, the land of nature's gems, you have demoralized men and boys into following the birds into their nesting places on the islands, and shooting down every parent bird, even tearing wings and breasts from living victims, throwing down their bloody bodies to be devoured by ants, and leaving the little ones to die by the slow torture of starvation. Oh, the calls and cries of those perishing baby birds! I wonder that Heaven does not answer them in a thousand judgements upon the heads bedecked with these hideous manifestations of woman's brutality. Mrs. Haynes.

Hernando Co., Fla.

Little Black Flies.—Where plants are infested with these troublesome little black flies, it is an indication of the use of manure that is not thoroughly composted. If it is too green or fresh, vermin are sure to attend. Scrape off the surface soil and burn it, as this contains the eggs. Then cover the earth with wood ashes. This is beneficial to the plant in other ways.

Mrs. Melvin H. Durfee.

Wayne Co., N. Y.

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A Bed of White Flowers.—There are many annuals bearing white flowers that make a handsome display in a bed. White Dwarf Ageratum blooms freely and continually throughout the summer, and the flowers are chaste and pretty; Portulaca, Verbena, Phlox Drummondii and Petunias all come in pure white, and are prized by many for bedding. In autumn nothing appears to better advantage than a bed of Sweet Alyssum. The plants delight in the cool autumn days and nights, and become a mass of bloom. A bed of white Asters is charming in early autumn. All these are readily grown from seeds, which can be obtained of almost any seedsman.

Chinese Narcissus.—This bulb is sure to bloom if in good condition and fairly treated. Place in a bowl containing coarse pebbles, and fill in with water to the base of the bulb; then put some large pebbles about the bulb to keep it in place, and set it in a rather cool, dark closet till well rooted. Bring gradually to the light and place in a window where the temperature ranges from 50° to 60°, and keep the atmosphere moist by evaporation. A hot, dry atmosphere invariably forces the growth, and causes the buds to blast. The water will rarely need changing. After blooming in water the bulbs are worthless, except for propagation.

Remedy for Gnats.—The little flies or gnats which are often found in great numbers about plants soon disappear if the soil is watered at intervals with hot Cayenne Pepper tea. They develop from the little "white worms" found in the surface soil. When the soil is kept very moist the flies deposit their eggs in it, and the "worms" develop from these eggs. The flies do not seem to be injurious, but plants will not thrive where the soil is infested with the larva or maggots.

Bermuda Oxalis.—When the Bermuda Oxalis ceases to bloom let it remain until the foliage begins to fade, then gradually dry off. The large, fleshy, tuberous appendage will soon part with its substance to form the new bulbs.

THE LARGE-FLOWERED SALPIGLOSSIS.

PERSONS who grow annuals remember the old-fashioned Salpiglossis cultivated some years ago, the plants of which grew about two feet high, were rather spindling in habit, and produced small, modest flowers. These old-fashioned varieties have been eclipsed by the improved, large-flowered Salpiglossis now offered by seedsmen. These grow to the height of three feet, are strong and robust, branch freely and bloom profusely. The flowers are as large as a Petunia, rich in color, and almost every flower is penciled with gold in a very attractive and striking manner. There are ten or more varieties, all differing in color or penciling, and all exceedingly showy. Salpiglossis sinuata, from which the large-flowered varieties have been developed, is a native of Chili, and is usually regarded as a perennial. The plants are propagated



LARGE-FLOWERED SALPIGLOSSIS.

from seeds, and are treated as annuals. They begin to bloom in mid-summer, and continue to bloom throughout the season. Set them a foot apart in a partially shaded bed of rich, deep soil. They are easily accommodated, and if given some attention, will amply reward the cultivator with a fine display of the bright garden flowers.

Purple-leaved Barberry.—This will make a fine hedge about a garden. In autumn it glows with its wreaths of scarlet fruit. Easily propagated from seeds, which should be sown out-doors in the fall, for germination the following spring. Set the plants out in a nursery bed when large enough, and transplant the third year into the hedge-row, setting them eight inches apart.

Perennial Phlox Seeds.—These start very tardily. Soak for twenty-four hours, then sow in rows and cover one-fourth inch deep. The young plants should appear in one to three months.

PRUNING ROSES.

ROSES of all kinds should be pruned in the spring. By this we do not mean that thrifty, well-formed branches should be cut away, nor that the tops of all should be curtailed; but each class of Roses should be pruned as its habits demand. The everblooming Roses produce their buds and flowers from the new growth. They can, therefore, be pruned severely at the top without injury. Where the frost has been severe it may be necessary to cut away the entire top, and this should be done as early as the leaf buds begin to show. In pruning the everblooming Roses do not simply cut the tops back to a living bud, but cut them back to a strong, thrifty bud. Do not simply cut away the dead or spindling branches, but remove all unhealthy or weak parts, and thus encourage the growth of new, vigorous shoots which will produce well developed flowers.

In pruning the Hybrid Perpetual Roses, however, do not cut the tops with a lavish hand. Cut away only the dead wood and the unsightly branches, and prune the long, straggling ones to bring the plant into symmetrical shape. In good soil this class of Roses often makes a growth too robust to bloom freely. Where such is the case prune as sparingly as possible. The more weak-growing or free-blooming may, however, be pruned rather freely.

The Summer-blooming and Prairie Roses should simply have their dead wood removed. Of these the more pruning in spring you do the fewer flowers you will have.

After the spring pruning Roses will not need further attention with shears till after the flowers open. It is just as well to cut freely the fully developed flowers and adorn your rooms with them, give them to friends, or send to the sick or the worthy poor of the community. The plants are all the better for the removal of the flowers, while the charitable disposal of them will bless the giver as well as those who receive them. After the summer Roses bloom cut the older branches entirely away, and prune back those that are left, and you will be surprised at the wealth of bloom and beauty produced the next season. The Hybrid Perpetuals should also be pruned back after the first season of bloom, and will reward you with a fine display in the autumn. The Everblooming Roses, however, should be pruned more or less throughout the season. A little observation and experience will enable you to do this work judiciously, and thus secure a continuous display of Roses throughout the season.

Geraniums.—To have blooming Geraniums in winter take cuttings in mid-summer, pot as soon as rooted, and encourage a free growth by shifting regularly into larger pots. Keep all flower buds pinched out, and pinch leading shoots to encourage branching. By winter you will have large, bushy plants in condition to bloom for several months if given a sunny exposure.

FARFUGIUM.

FARFUGIUM GRANDE is almost hardy, and will sometimes endure the winters as far north as Washington. It is a Japanese plant, and although evergreens should have a season of rest during winter. It likes a porous, peaty soil, and usually does well in a compost of leaf-mould and rich garden loam with good bottom drainage. In winter partially withhold water, and set the plant in a room that is barely frost-proof. Repotted and started up in the spring it will grow with renewed vigor, and soon become attractive. It should be regularly and freely watered during its period of growth.

Pruning Paul Neyron Rose.—If your plant is of vigorous habit prune it rather sparingly. Cut off all decaying branches before the buds begin to develop in the spring, and prune out all weak and sickly branches. If the plant is not thrifty prune it severely, to encourage a strong growth of the branches and insure the full development of the flower buds. Also, dig about the plant in early spring, and enrich the soil as well as keep it cool by mulching liberally with stable litter.

Non-blooming Oleander.—If you have an Oleander that does not bloom in two or three years after it is started from a cutting, treat it to a top dressing of bone-dust, cease pruning, and let the plant become top-bound, but protect the sides of the pot from the sun. In autumn expose the tops to the sun to ripen the foliage, and encourage the formation of flower buds, at the same time gradually drying off the plant, and merely keeping the soil moist during winter. Winter in a cool, but frost-proof room.

Scales on Ferns.—Scales may be distinguished from seed spores on the fronds, by their lighter color, more spreading surface and more scab-like appearance. When a plant becomes badly infested with them, cut the fronds close to the ground and burn them. The plant will then push up new fronds that will be free from the pest. Syringe these as they grow, and watch them carefully to prevent another attack.

Pansies in the South.—To have fine Pansies in the south the seeds should be sown in August, and the plants so cared for that they will come into bloom as winter approaches. Such plants in a warm, sheltered place will bloom throughout the winter months, and make a fine display. Started in the spring the plants rarely bloom satisfactorily, as they will not bear the heat and bright sun-rays.

Chinese Narcissus Blasting.—A temperature too dry and warm will cause the buds of Chinese Narcissus to blast. Give the plants a place where the temperature ranges from 45° to 60°, and keep the atmosphere moist. If good bulbs are planted and well rooted, and the atmosphere kept cool and moist, success is sure.

CARNATION CULTURE.

IN response to a call in the January number of the MAGAZINE from a subscriber who asks for practical information regarding the culture of Carnations outside a greenhouse several contributions have been received, one of which is summarized as follows:

Procure the best Marguerite Carnation seeds and plant them in rows in a cigar box. Cover them with fine earth, water gently, and put the box, with a piece of glass over it, in a warm, sunny place. Do not have the glass fit tightly over the box, as there must be air inside. In about a week little brown bumps will be seen, and underneath two little green leaves, and soon others will come. If the plants get too large they will have to be transplanted into little thumb pots. When the weather becomes warm the plants can be set in the ground, or if wanted for winter-blooming, keep changing into larger pots, and if possible have a few principle stems or branches rather than a potful of weak sprouts. The ones wanted for summer flowering can be tied to stakes, and the only care they need is an occasional feeding, and when more than two buds are on the end of a stem remove the others or all may open halfway and then die. Do not pick off the buds on separate stems on the main one, as they grow out and make nice flowers.

The plants that have bloomed all summer may be cut down about the middle of September, and put in pots for the house, and the ones that were set out in their pots for winter will, when frosts come, be ready to blossom all winter. Now comes the worst part of all—the insects. These appear on the leaves in spots of white, and when under a microscope, prove to be a kind of spider; white body with brown spots. They weave a fine web which sheds the water, and it takes hard work to remove them. About once in two weeks my plants are put in the sink and given a good soap-suds bath. I soak both of my hands well, take hold of the lower part of the plant, and draw my hands up on each side. After a good washing with soap, rinse in cold water, and break off all under and weak branches. Give a good feeding with plant food, and the plants will not need any more attention, except watering for a few weeks.

A plant don't have very many flowers on at a time, but if one has six plants he can have a few Carnations all winter. I got a nice assortment out of one package of seeds; after some died from neglect I had three shades of pink, one lovely dark red, and a white one with pink stripes. Any one can raise Carnations as easily as Geraniums if only a little pains are taken.

A. G.

Acacia lophantha.—This is a lovely foliage plant, its large, compound, gracefully curved leaves almost equalling the fronds of many of our beautiful Ferns. It is easily grown from seeds, which should be soaked for a while in warm water before sowing, to promote prompt germination. If grown in pots and shifted regularly, as they increase in size, they make elegant window plants. They make better growth in the open ground, however, and in deep, rich soil in a sheltered bed exposed to the morning sun. Early seedlings will reach the height of six feet the first season, and form a charming bed of foliage.

Mexican Primrose.—A Mexican Primrose that has bloomed during the past winter, will do for service next winter, if given pot room so that the plant may not become stunted. If desired the plant can be bedded out till autumn, then lifted, potted and brought into the plant window.

WHY LADIES LIKE COFFEE.

Many ladies have so great a liking for coffee for breakfast that the meal seems flat and unsavory without it; but the muddy complexion which is almost a sure accompaniment, is a great trial, and the question is seriously discussed many and many times over in one's mind, whether it is possible to give over the coffee and gradually get back the lost complexion, or keep on with the coffee and get on with the bad skin and make the best of it.

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BRIEF ANSWERS.

Geraniums in Summer.—Geraniums that have been blooming in the window during winter should be repotted in the spring, using a large pot, and fresh soil, or better, bed them out. If kept in the old pots without changing the soil, they often become stunted, are attacked by a rot or blight and die. This is mostly due to hard, undrained, impoverished soil, to the hot sunshine against the pots, and to injudicious watering. By bedding the plants, the roots having been freed from the old soil by soaking and washing, they take on renewed growth, and will soon do good service as blooming plants. For winter start young plants from cuttings taken from the old plants in mid-summer.

Peppers.—The Peppers offered in mixture in the premium collection of 14 packets this season contain varieties useful for culinary work, for medicine, or for ornament. It embraces 25 or more varieties, large and small, long and short, smooth and wrinkled, and of all shades from white to golden yellow, and flesh to crimson scarlet. The mixture will delight everyone who sows it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. Park:—Please describe the different varieties of Chinese Primrose. I grew some from seeds last winter, and find they are very satisfactory winter-blooming plants.—Mrs. W. C. W., Ia.

Ans.—While there are many varieties, all differing slightly, the entire lot may be summed up under the names of Mallow-leaved fringed, and Fern-leaved fringed, and each of these comes in distinct colors, as white, rose, crimson, carmine, lilac, blue-striped and marbled. All are readily grown from seeds.

Begonia Weltoniensis.—Mr. Park: I send a small leaf of a plant which I have been informed is a Begonia. Will you kindly name it. The stalks are red, the flowers a pretty shade of pink, each leaf a red spot in centre, and the foliage has a silken sheen which makes a healthy plant very attractive in appearance.—E. S., Iowa.



Ans. The plant is probably Begonia Weltoniensis, a very beautiful and easily grown window plant. It is one of the older species, but is surpassed by few, if any, of the newer kinds either in foliage or flowers when well grown.

Retarding Bloom:—Mr. Park: The Tulips and Iris which came after the ground had become frozen I have in a large box. I do not want them to bloom in the house. How can I treat them that the bulbs will be in good condition to plant out next fall?—Mrs. C. S., Iowa. Jan. 30, 1897.

Ans.—Set the boxes in a cold room, but where the ground will not become frozen, and let them remain there till spring, then sink them in a bed out-doors, where Nature will care for them. The bulbs will bloom there, and after the foliage dies they can be lifted and set in the bed in which you wish them to remain permanently. The soil should be kept moist during the winter months, but not wet. If watered too freely they will be liable to rot.

Solanum grandiflorum.—I enclose a bunch of flowers with stem and leaves of which I wish the name. They say it is hardy but this one bloomed all summer, and they took it in the house, and it has climbed all over the window and is full of bunches of flowers.—G. S., Ohio.

Ans.—The vine is Solanum grandiflorum. It is easily grown, blooms well, and is a pretty win-



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Macon Co., Mo., Jan. 17, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl only eleven years old, and I want to tell you about the lovely flowers I raised last summer. I had some of the prettiest Pansies, Asters, Phlox and Poppies that ever grew. I think your Magazine far nicer than any other magazine I ever read. Ida Weaver.

Bozeman, Mont., Jan. 2, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma and I dearly love your Magazine, and get so many nice flowers through the exchanges. I am now confined to my bed, but hope to be better soon.

I would like to exchange flower seeds and hardy shrubbery and fancywork, for anything that would be useful for a little crippled girl, fourteen years old. Miss Lydia Underhill.

Barlow City, Ky., Jan. 15, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have a Sansevieria Zeylanica, and it does not grow right. The leaves all grow downward, instead of upward. Mamma and I saw some with upright leaves, in Urbana, and they looked so much better than ours. What must I do for it? I have a Cyperus or Umbrella Plant, and the ends of the leaves all dry up. Mamma and I have Degonias, Fuchsias, Abutilons, Geraniums, Lilies, and many other kinds of house plants. The Tuberous Begonia and Gloxinia bulbs we got as a premium with your Magazine last year, were the finest plants we had last summer. My Strobilanthes Dyerianus has only green leaves and will not bloom for me. We have a Swainsonia, and it is the prettiest flower we have. It grows so nice. It is not hard to raise. It is so easy that any one can raise it. Put it in leaf-mould, and give it plenty of water, and it will grow and bloom all the year. I am twelve years old. Gracie C. Pence.

Millerstown, Ohio, Jan. 20, 1897.

[NOTE.—Gracie should get a new plant of Sansevieria. The one she has must be freshish. * Her Cyperus will lose its leaves once a year. When they begin to get unsightly set the plant in a cool place, cut off the tops, and water moderately. After they have rested a few weeks shift into a larger pot, and water freely. It is a good plan to keep the pot in a saucer of water continually while growing. * Strobilanthes Dyerianus should have good drainage, and do not water too freely. Keep the atmosphere moist, do not sprinkle the foliage while the sun is shining brightly upon it, and shade during mid-day. This treatment will bring out the purple color. Iron filings or blacksmiths' sweepings stirred into the surface soil will also prove beneficial to the color.—ED.]

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GOSSIP.

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Lauretta L. Roberts.

Box 243, Necedah, Wis., Jan. 13, 1897.

Gem Calla.—Dear Sisters: Last October a friend gave me a Little Gem Calla. She said it did not grow any. She had it all winter and summer. It was only about three inches high, but had quite a cluster of roots. I took it home, got some soil out of an old hollow Beech tree, took one-third finely pulverized old cow manure, and mixed it with the tree soil. Then I put it in an old can and baked it, to kill all insects. When it was cold, I mixed in half a cupful of clear sand. Then I took a wooden paint pail that would hold three quarts, bored a hole in the bottom, put in pebbles and charcoal, and filled up with soil. In this I put my Calla, and I never saw anything grow faster. To-day, (Jan. 26,) it is twenty-four inches high, with leaves, some six inches long and three, at the base. I have given it a tablespoonful of castor oil three times. I think it would bloom if it could have more sun; it only gets about two hours a day. The same soil is nice for Begonias. I have a Metalia not yet a year old growing in that kind of soil, that will almost fill one half of a window.

Mrs. A. E. Wentworth.

York Co., Me., Jan. 26, 1897.

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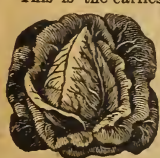
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Francis Bright.

Bexar Co., Tex., Jan. 23, 1897.

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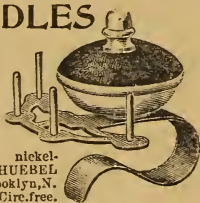
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Mrs. Hudnut makes a liberal offer to Invalid Ladies on another page. Be sure and read it.

LITTLE FIXINGS.

Too many give up house plants "because they never have any luck with them." There is no "luck" about it, but attention to their little wants, and a quick taking hold of what you have and adapting it to their comfort. Our close sitting rooms are the worst foes we have to get along with, but much may be done; a window down a crack, where the cold air cannot come in contact with them, and a tea-kettle filled with water on the base burner.

Most of my plants are in a room with windows facing the west, not the best, by any means, but with my help they try to do their very best, and having a grate in the room, I take off the blower when it is not very cold, and that brings the warm, foul air up the chimneys and the fresh comes in from the crack at the top of the window. A plant syringe is a great help, and if your stand is on a piece of oil-cloth, you can direct a fine spray on the leaves that keeps them so clean, and of such a lovely green. I have a box of meat skewers handy, and with this sharpened bit of hard wood I can loosen the soil in the pots. Here is a tin can full of soft meadow soil, to add a little where needed, and a cotton-lene pail with bone-dust in it, white and clean, to give them all a hearty meal once in a while, for plants like to eat as well as hungry boys. I like shelves close to the windows for my pets to get all the light possible, these dark days. So I buy iron brackets, screw in at the sides, and have boards across that can be taken off in summer.

It isn't thinking and fussing over the plants all the time that makes success, but just remembering them at the right time, and there is no family so poor that may not be cheered by them.

Anna Lyman.

Detroit, Mich, Jan. 15, 1897.

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Powhatan Co., Va., Jan. 18, 1897.

Dear Floral Band:—I must write a short letter to you about this delightful climate. I have been here just three months to day, and most of the time has been just like June weather. The Callas, Heliotropes, Geraniums, Fuchsias, Carnations, Marguerite Daisies, Sweet Alyssum, Nasturtiums, Roses and many other kinds of flowers have been in full bloom ever since I came, and look as if they never meant to stop blooming, as they are just as full of buds now as when I first came. And they are not puny, little pot plants that have to be set in the warmest place at night, but large, strong plants, growing out doors all the year round. Some of the Geraniums are much taller than I am, and they make hedges of them, and borders of Callas around the entire yards.

Mrs. W. H. Eshman.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Jan. 22, 1897.

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Mrs. D. S. Blakley, Spirit Lake, Iowa, received the third premium. Her club numbered 68 subscriptions.

Parker Jenkins, St. John, N. B., Can., received the fourth premium. His club consisted of 56 subscriptions.

W. F. Mundall, Indian Orchard, Mass., sent 54 names, and got the 5th premium.

Another distribution of special premiums will be made to those who send in the largest clubs from Feb., 15th to March 15th. Subscriptions are easily procured upon the liberal terms offered subscribers, and it is hoped that the contest reported in the April issue of the Magazine will show greater competition. Send for blank lists and get up a club. You will be amply rewarded for your work, even though you should fail to get one of the special premiums.

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13. Lephyrus, the West Wind.
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15. A variety of Cactus.
16. The least flower with a brimming cup may stand, and share its dewdrop with another near.
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18. Daisies.
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20. "The Pomegranate Seeds."
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24. "Album verses."

Evelyn S. Foster.

Reading, Mass., Jan. 23, 1897

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Dear Mr. Park:—You will be surprised to get this letter from Guaymas, Mexico. Mamma and I are now here, where the flowers bloom and the birds sing all winter. We keep house, and it seems very nice and homelike. We have a yard or court, and have planted some flower seeds we brought with us from Maine. The soil is very sandy and dry, but we have plenty of water, so can keep things well wet down. We have Sweet Peas, Callendula, Nasturtiums, a few single Aspers, Browallia, Ageratums and Hibiscus. Mamma thinks no seeds quite as good as yours. I love flowers—better than all the playthings and candy that other little boys think so much of.

We are out in the park, or plaza, and Mamma writes this for me. The plaza covers several acres and there is a large stone-paved floor, circular in shape, in the centre. In the center of this floor is a circular pond, and in the centre of that is a very large fountain the frame of which is about twelve feet high; like three saucers in three sizes with a piece between, and a large marble angel at the top. There are walks all around, from different directions, all terminating at the stone-paved centre. Perhaps you would like to know of the strange plants that grow between the walks. I think them beautiful, but Mamma is homesick for the familiar trees and plants of the New England States. Several Cotton-wood trees hold a conspicuous place, and one large date-palm raises its big head fifteen or sixteen feet in the air; there is a kind of tree with sweet yellow flowers in abundance, one of which I enclose, and from its limbs hang thousands of long, slender things that look exactly like Lima Bean pods. There are several Orange trees full of fruit, in all stages of ripeness; and everywhere, under almost every tree, are immense Crinums of the red and white variety called "Milk and wine Lily." They are full of blossoms, and pretty, but Mamma calls them too big, just as she does every tree and plant here. Their unopened buds are as long as one's foot. There are many Roses, but none in bloom. There are but few Cacti, but, oh! could you have been with us on our first five day's journey from Chicago here, down on the Santa Fe R. R., I think you would have become tired of them. From Kansas City nearly all we could see was Black Oaks, Sage-brush and Cactus in several varieties, and the queer little flat-roofed mud-huts on the plains, with bare ledges and almost treeless mountains rising black and forbidding, like some frowning creature, in the background. Before we reached Guaymas we found ourselves amidst waving cornfields and gardens, and the groves of Orange and Lemon trees, loaded with fruit, their lovely foliage shining in the sun as tho' varnished.

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Gilding for Pots.—Will some one please tell how to make gilding for flower pots?—M. M., Tex.

Geraniums.—What makes my Geranium leaves get limber, droop and turn yellow, and why do they not bloom?—Mrs. C., O.

Gasteria, etc.—Will some of the readers give their experience with Gasteria, Aise and Agave?—Mrs. J. P., N. Y.

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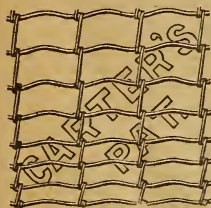


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Lickdale, Mass., Feb. 15, 1897.

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Madge Mobley.

Falls Co., Tex., Feb. 15, 1897.

From a Shut-in.—Dear Editor: I wish to thank the many dear friends for the Sabbath-school papers and other literature so generously sent me. They have given me great encouragement. Life does not seem as dark to me as it did.

Georgia David.

Lincoln Co., Wis., Feb. 10, 1897.

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Mr. Park:—It is now several years since I first subscribed for your modest but invaluable Magazine. Although largely interested in the culture of flowers for many years before that time, I can truly say that it has been a fountain of knowledge to me, and a most welcome visitor to my home.

Mrs. W. L. Williams.

Clay Co., Iowa, Jan. 27, 1897.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is a treasure to flower lovers. I keep all my numbers handy, and when a plant goes into the sulks hunt them over, sure of finding a remedy for the difficulty.

Rosalie Williams.

Windham Co., Conn., Jan. 22, 1897.

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Guilford Co., N. C., Feb. 14, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—Roy's little letter, written by Fred, in your most popular Magazine has brought him from three to ten letters and packages every day, from twenty-three different states. Will you please thank the many sympathizing friends for their generosity. We will try to answer all, but it is impossible at present. L. H. Stewart.

Erie Co., Pa., Feb. 4, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am going to write you a letter from California. I am twelve years old and live in the western part of California. I am fond of flowers and my favorite flowers are Roses and Violets. I will tell you about some that we have in our garden. Best of all we have now is a beautiful Violet bed which is mine, and they have bloomed all winter. Another bed we have is of Chinese Lilies, and they have been blooming ever since November until now. Our Marguerites bloomed all summer, and are still in bloom. Our Snowflakes are now in bloom; they started to bloom in November, the time the Chinese Lily did. We have them out of doors all winter, as we do our other flowers. In the woods we now have many varieties of the Fern, among which are the Brakes, Maidenhair, Sword and the Five-fingered Fern. The longest of the Ferns grow to the height of six and seven feet. In the woods we also have the lovely white flowers in bloom and there will soon be many others.

Grace Evalyn Thompson.

Sonora Co., Cal., Feb. 5, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little boy eleven years old, and I like to read your Magazine. Last summer my sister Grace Parke got some seeds from you and gave me some, and I had a flower garden all my own. My sister Jennie has a pug and she calls it Midget. I have a dog I call Shep. I live on the bank of Burt Lake. It is twelve miles long and six miles wide, and it is the famous inland route of northern Michigan. My brother-in-law, Captain C. W. McConnell, runs a passenger boat on the inland route from Petoskey to Cheboygan. His boat is called the Charles D. I can go to Petoskey or Cheboygan any time I want to. We have lovely skating on the lake. I learned to skate last winter. My Papa own's a saw mill on Burt lake; he deals mostly in hard wood. My birthday is the sixth of March, when I will be twelve years old. Cladius F. Parke.

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"Take a tin can. I wouldn't mind that in the least."

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